

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/377,740	SHOJI ET AL	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sara W. Crane	2811	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Sara W. Crane. (3) Robert Frank.
 (2) Chad Anderson. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 09 September 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: see attachment.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner agrees that the claim amendments as set forth in the attached draft copy would overcome the rejections of record based on 35 U.S.C. 112, and the "new matter" rejection. Specifically, the designation of "non-customized layer masks" would correspond to the specification discussion of fixing patterns for functional elements of non-customized layer(s), with the connections for the gate array block being made by mask layer(s) in a subsequent step or steps.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


 Examiner's signature, if required

9/9/03

Chad Anderson

functional + ^{logic} gate array

CPU

memory

RAM

determine
function

"later
non-customized" → "common"
mask

given
or
set
function

interconnect = { circuit layer
" mask

plurality of non-customized layer masks

